

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Tippecanoe Twp. District #3 Schoolhouse & Cemetery

other names/site number Summit Chapel-School & Cemetery

2. Location

street & number State Road 10 at Birch Road

N/A ☐ not for publication

city or town Tippecanoe

☒ vicinity

state Indiana code IN county Marshall

code 99 zip code 46504

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☒ nomination
☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of
Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property
☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be consider significant
☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

Indiana Department of Natural Resources

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional
comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

☐ entered in the National Register.

☐ See continuation sheet

☐ determined eligible for the National Register.

☐ See continuation sheet

☐ determined not eligible for the National
Register.

☐ removed from the National Register.

☐ other, (explain:)

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Name of Property

Marshall County, IN
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- ☐ private
☒ public-local
☐ public-state
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- ☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
2	0	buildings
1	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
3	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Indiana's Public Common and High Schools

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

EDUCATION: School

RELIGION: Religious Facility

FUNERARY: Cemetery

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

RECREATION & CULTURE: Museum

FUNERARY: Cemetery

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Mid 19th Century: Greek Revival

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE: Granite
walls WOOD: Weatherboard

roof WOOD: Shingle
other CONCRETE
STONE: marble
STONE: limestone

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more sheets.)

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for the National Register listing.)

- ☒ **A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ **B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☐ **C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ **D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- ☐ **A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ **B** removed from its original location.
- ☐ **C** a birthplace or grave.
- ☐ **D** a cemetery.
- ☐ **E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ **F** a commemorative property.
- ☐ **G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significant within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination if individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey
- # _____
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record
- # _____

Areas of significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

EDUCATION

EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT

Period of Significance

1844 -1920

Significant Dates

1844

c.1860

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

unknown

Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Name of repository:

Marshall County Museum

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10. Geographical Data

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UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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☐ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Wythougan Valley Preservation Council date September 1, 2007

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 Or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Tippecanoe Township, care of Mr. James Bates Jr., Trustee

street & number 15840 State Road 331 telephone 574-342-0571

city or town Tippecanoe state IN zip code 46570

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance to the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.)

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding the burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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7. Narrative Description

Description

The District #3 Schoolhouse, or Summit Chapel School, and Cemetery are located in Tippecanoe Township, Marshall County, Indiana at the top of what is known as "Summit Hill." State Road 10 crosses Summit Hill just below its highest point which lies at the rear of the cemetery on the north side of the road. Summit Hill is widely accepted as the highest point in Marshall County and has a magnificent 270 degree panoramic view of the Tippecanoe River valley stretching around from the northwest to the northeast. The Tippecanoe River lies approximately one mile to the south. The hill is the southernmost edge of a glacial moraine. The cemetery wraps around the schoolhouse on the north and west sides. The east side of the site has an Osage orange tree line windbreak stretching north to south that was planted about the turn of the century (photos 4, 15).

There are two farms within close proximity to the Summit. The farm on the east slope is the Pheister/Fites farm, constructed in 1865 by Jacob Pheister, a native of Switzerland. (McDonald, pg. 152) The house and outbuildings are still in existence and the Osage orange tree line is located along the west fence line. The farm on the west slope was constructed about 1900 by Henry Shaw and contains a small farmhouse and molded concrete block English style barn and silo (photo 19).

There are a total of three resources included in this application. The school and outhouse are both contributing buildings and the cemetery is a contributing site. The simple ca. 1860 Greek Revival style school building faces south and is at the high point along the State Road 10 frontage. The outhouse was constructed during the 1930's and is directly behind the school building and faces east. The cemetery was established in 1844.

Cemetery

The cemetery is located north and west of the school building, with the earliest graves being located directly north of the school along a gentle rise and later sections added as graves were platted to the west as the land slopes downhill. The cemetery is bordered by an old Osage orange tree line on the east with pasture beyond and agricultural tilled land on the north. Additional pasture is located south of the site and a residence is located on the west side of Birch Road, forming the west edge of the site. The 1892 Summit Methodist Episcopal Church (photos

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9, 23, & old photo 3) sits directly south of the schoolhouse site, on the south side of State Road 10. Only a single large white cedar tree north of the school is located in the cemetery. The northeast corner of the cemetery, along the line of oldest internments, is the highest point of Summit Hill. The box-dashed line of the site sketch represents the original cemetery.

The Summit Chapel Cemetery is still used for burials. Materials used for grave markers are granite, limestone, concrete, zinc and marble. The earliest interment recorded is Hiram Buckman, 1844, son of the A. H. Buckman, who donated the land for the school and cemetery. The next oldest interments are three children in 1849. Several veteran's graves are located in the cemetery. Of note are brothers Stephan and Calvin Hamlin, both of Company F, 74th Infantry Indiana Volunteers who died during the Civil War in 1862 and 1864 respectively (photo 13). Tyler McWhorter, who died in 1858 at 80 years old, is believed to be a veteran of the War of 1812 (photo 12). His son, William T., buried in 1859, was a veteran of the Mexican War. Also located in the cemetery is a "Woodman of the North" marker, shaped like a tree trunk, for James Sickman. Next to this marker is a zinc marker for Alice Sickman, wife of James (photo 8).

The first row of graves platted is nearest the east edge of the cemetery, under the Osage orange tree line. A few markers have been displaced and moved along this tree line (photo 4).

Schoolhouse Exterior

The 25 by 30 foot, single story frame school has an 8/12 pitch gable roof, with the gable end facing State Road 10. A 12 by 13 foot cloak room was added about 1910 to the front of the building. It is offset to the east and flush with the east side of the main building (photo 26). The cloak room has a hip roof returning to the main structure. It has a recessed concrete stoop with walls angled in toward the single door and porch ceiling constructed of beaded board siding. The foundation of the main building is dressed granite fieldstone and the cloak room rests on a concrete foundation. The siding is all wood clapboard siding. The windows, door, and corners are framed with simple wood casings and a wide frieze board carries around the entire perimeter below the eaves. Simple corner boards are located at each corner of the building.

Two 1/1 double hung wood windows flank the recessed entry on the south (front) elevation. There are four windows on the east side of the main building; the two center wood windows are taller and not operable with 9 individual panes; these date to about 1910. The two outside wood windows are shorter double hung with a 6/6 pane arrangement. Research indicates that the 6 pane sash is the most historic (see old photo 1). Originally there were four 6/6 double hung

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windows on each the east and west sides of the building. The windows on the west side were covered during the 1910 renovation because it was said that funerals proved a distraction to school children. During the 1910 renovation, six large window openings were created on the east façade of the building; two were covered entirely and two partially, sometime very early.

A pair of wood doors and transom was originally located in the center of the front (south) elevation (old photo 1). When the cloak room was added, the center entry was covered and is now off-center to the building. A frame bell cupola also was once located near the front of the building, but was removed sometime after consolidation; the bell is located at the county museum. A large orange-red brick chimney is located on the center of the west elevation; it has no decorative brickwork associated with it. The roof is constructed of cedar shakes.

Schoolhouse Interior

The entire building has 4" wood plank floors, varnished beaded board wainscoting and chair rail approximately 24" in height, plaster walls and drywall ceilings about ten foot in height. Windows and doors have unpainted simple straight stock wood casings. A single half-lite, paneled wood door separates the cloak room from the remaining building at the far east side. The hatch to the bell-cupola still exists front and center of the main building in the ceiling. A large pot-bellied stove in the center of the west wall also still exists in the main building. It appears to be the second or third stove for the building (photo 30 & old photo 4). A chalkboard wraps from the south side of the main room, left of the entry door to the cloak room to about half-way along the west side with a continuous oak shelf above (photo 31). Four schoolhouse pendant lights are located in the main room, evenly spaced. One schoolhouse pendant light is located in the center of the cloak room. The lights were post-consolidation additions. Most of the remaining interior finishes would appear to date to the c. 1910 renovation. Only a few desks originating from this building remained.

Outhouse

There is a single stall outhouse located at the center of the north façade (photo 22). It has vertical beaded board siding with single slope shed roof of corrugated metal. The door is hinged on the left side of the front wall and faces east. A concrete toilet base and wood seat is located inside the approximately four foot square structure. This outhouse dates to the 1930's and is thought to be a WPA product. The earlier outhouses serving the school were located at the east edge of the property: one for boys and one for girls. A short wood shed was also once located in that general area (old photo 3).

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Existing condition & Restoration of Buildings

The over-all condition of the building is good. Restoration work was completed on the building between 2001-2002. The work included replacement of an asphalt roof with a cedar shake roof. Badly needed tuck-pointing work was completed on the chimney using the historic mortar joint profile for restoration. Two six-pane wood sashes were recreated and installed on the east facade replacing two three-pane sashes and windows were made operable. The historic paint color for the exterior is white and was repainted as such.

The interior walls were covered with 1960's era wood paneling which was removed. Examination of historic paint colors revealed a pale green color to be the earliest used. The plaster walls were patched and re-painted to match the green color found. The plaster finish on the ceilings was entirely missing under a later acoustic tile installation. The acoustic tiles were removed and drywall finish installed and also painted pale green. Wood floors, wainscoting, and casings were cleaned. The pendent lights were rewired and restored. Overhead power to the building was removed and placed underground from a remote meter. The outhouse was also repainted. Additional desks of the same period and style of the extant desks were either purchased or donated for the building and arranged in rows according to recollection of the former student and from evidence found in photos and floor boards. A teacher's desk and map/map box have also been installed in the building and arranged according to the recollection of a former student.



Tippecanoe Twp. District #3
Schoolhouse & Cemetery site
scale: 1:70

- Map Key:
- old photographs
 - photographs
 - drives & roads
 - property boundary
 - cemetery/schoolhouse lot separation
 - original cemetery/lotter addition separation
 - former Summit Methodist Church

State Road 10

Birch Road

lane

lane

lane

boundary

approx.
4.3 acres

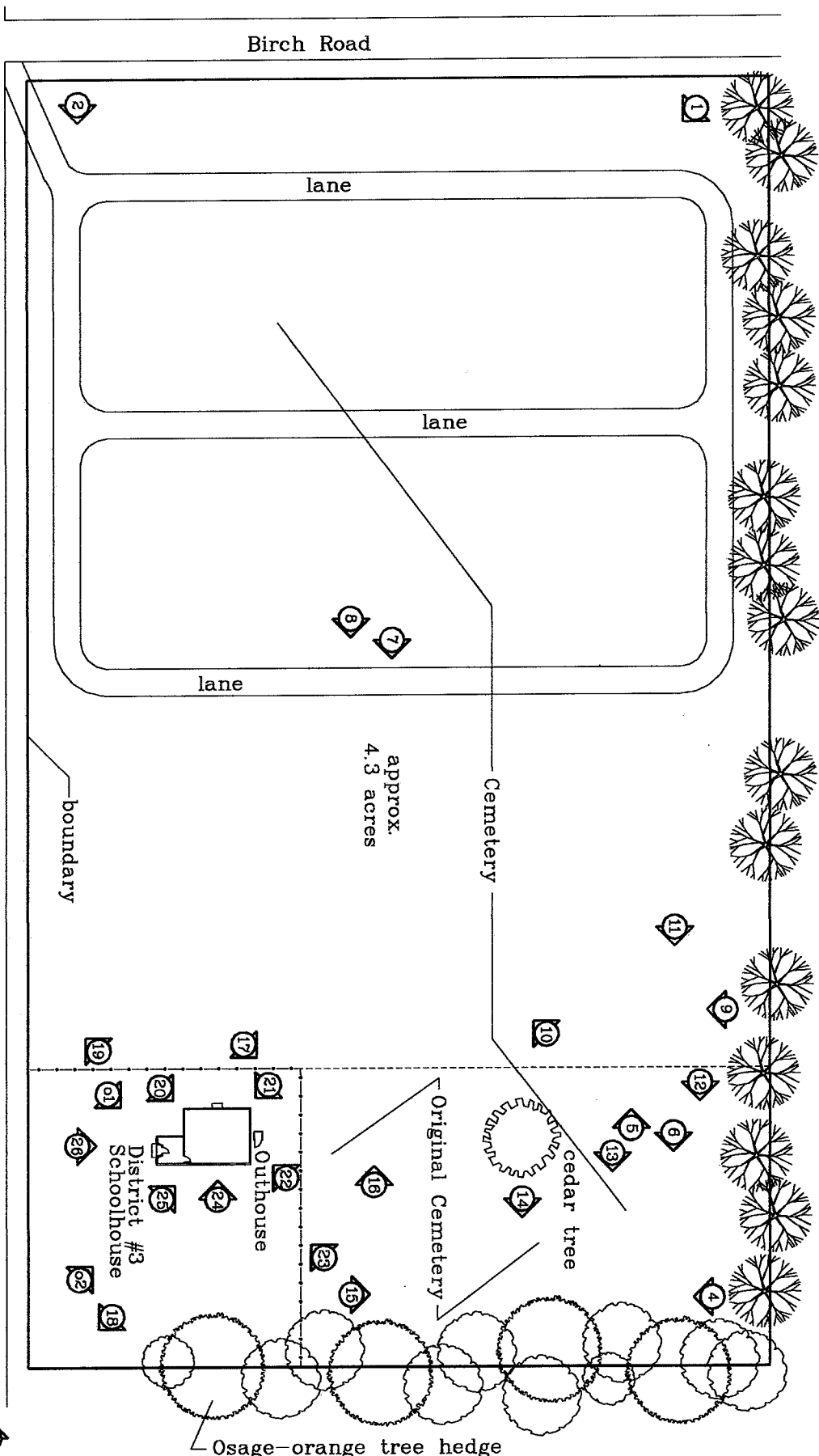
Cemetery

Original Cemetery

cedar tree

Osage-orange tree hedge

Birch Road





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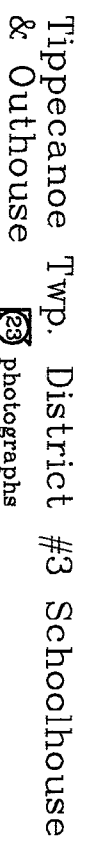
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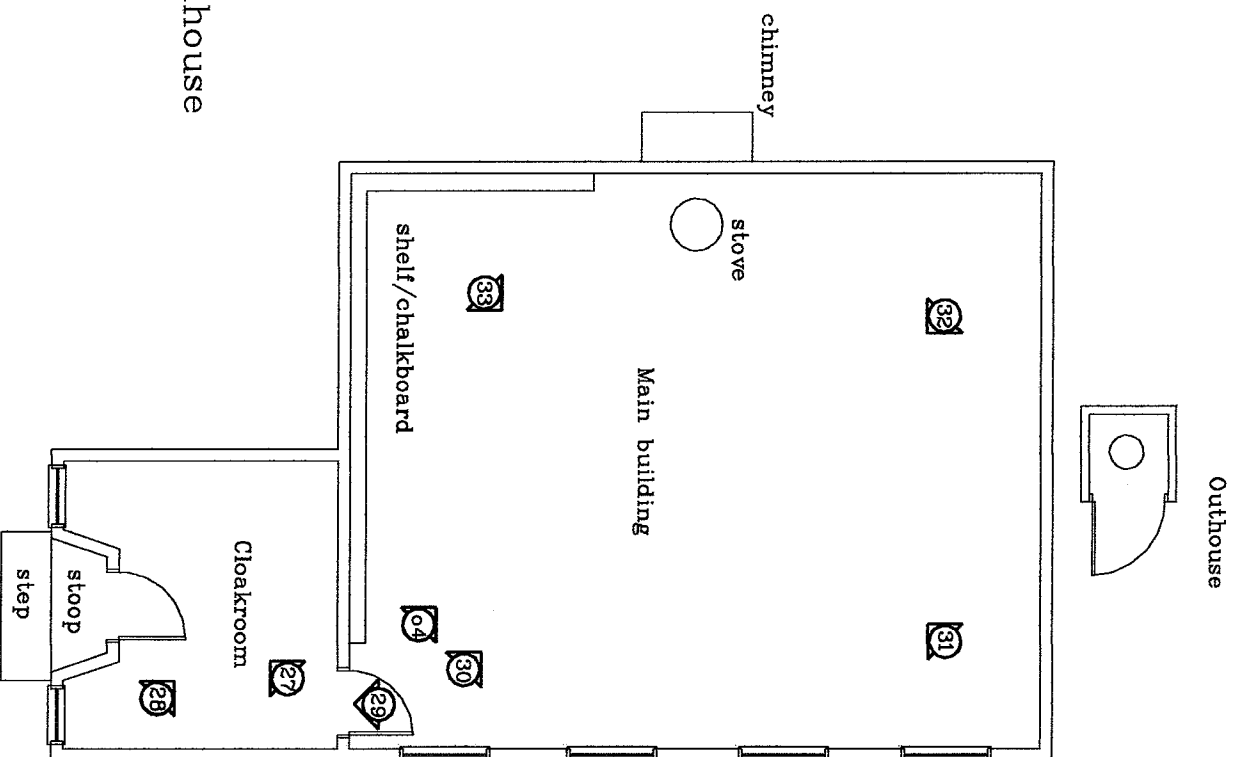
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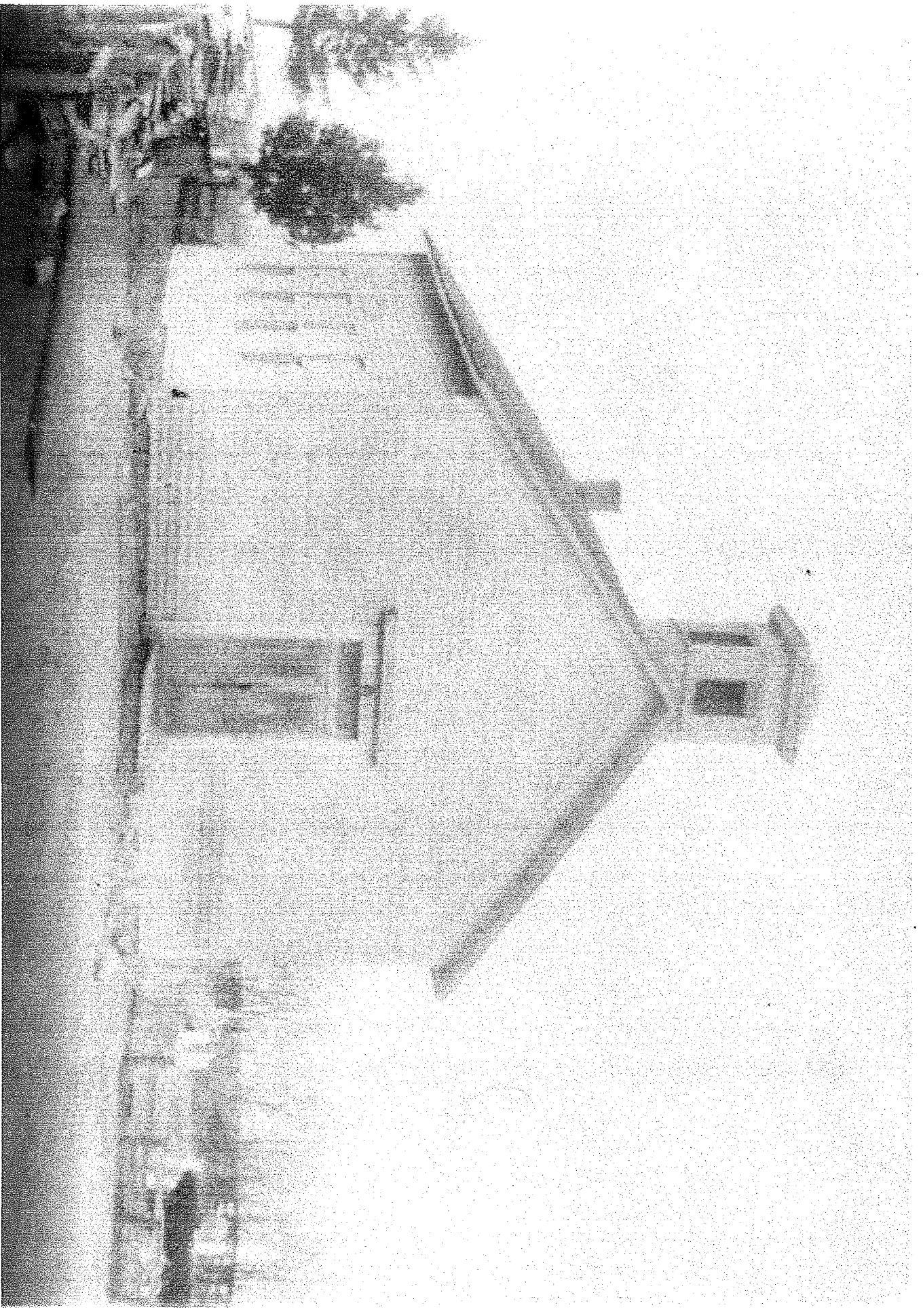
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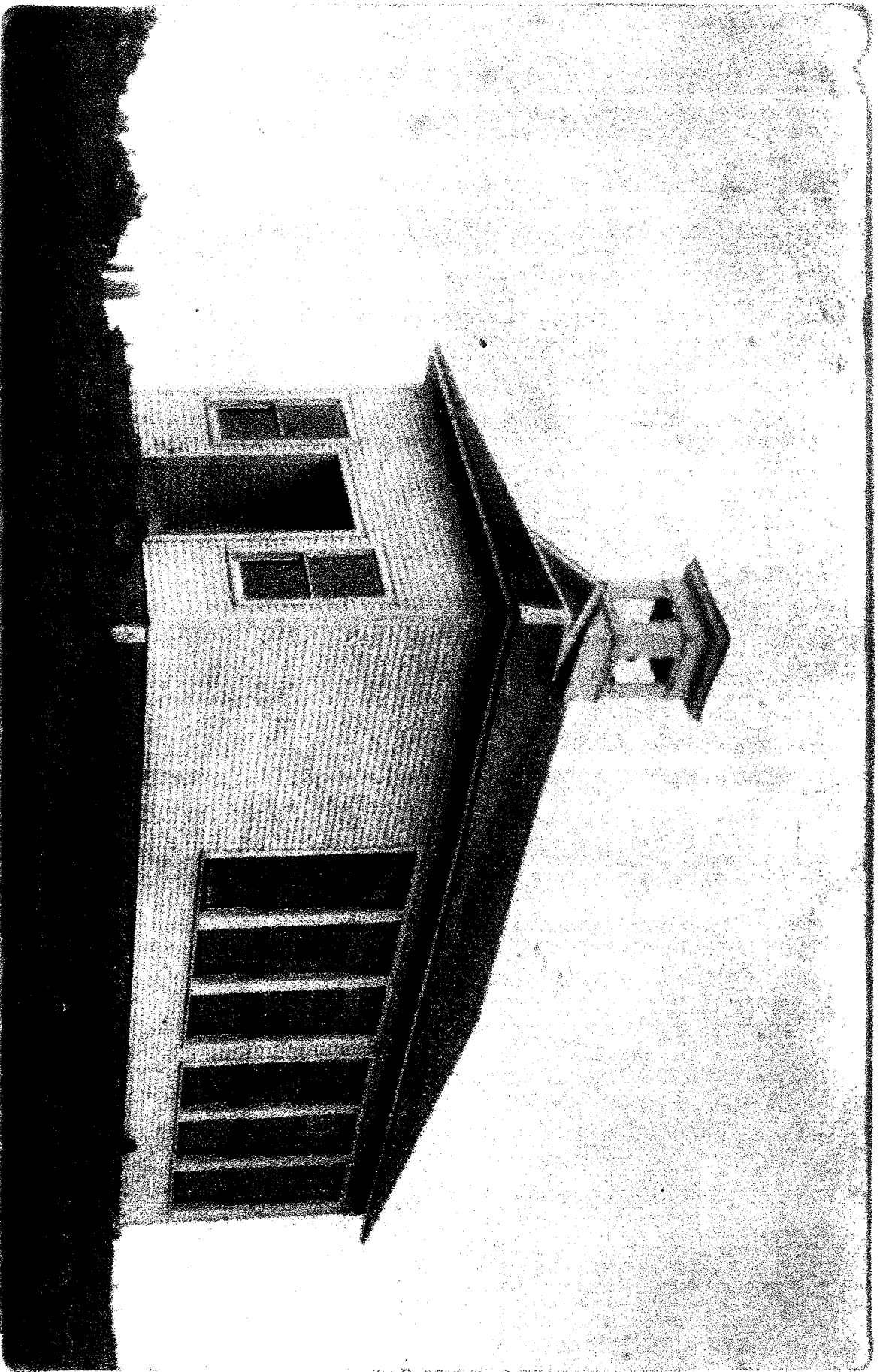
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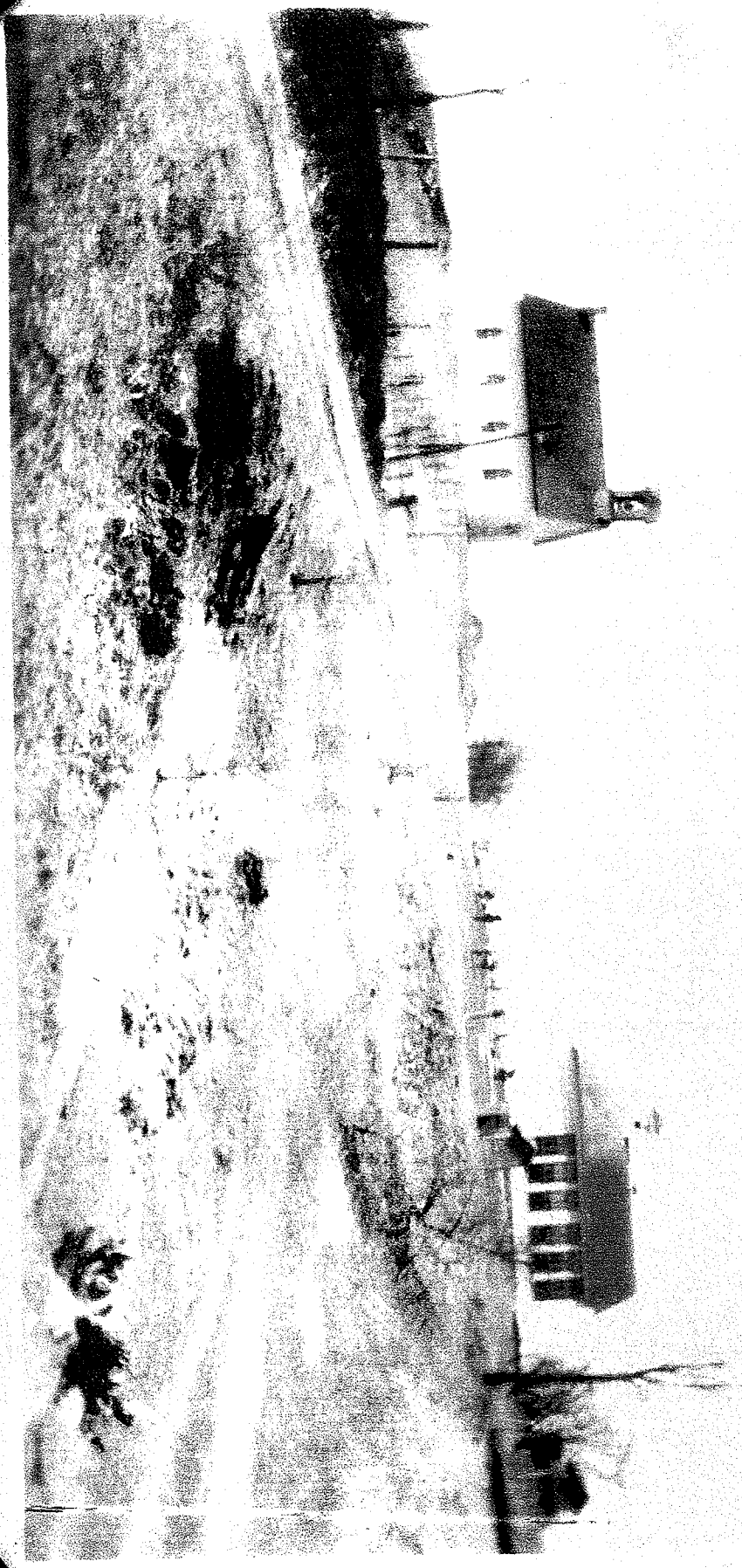


Summit Chapel No. 3



OLD PHOTO 2

Summit Church & H.S. School





Summit Chapel 1915

Left row (l-r) Lura Downing, Mary Reichert, Mabel Lozier, Elsie Lozier, Rex Fites. Second row Gerald Fretz, Russell Fretz, Duward Fretz, Olive Kessler, Gale Dinius, Zedna Vining, Virgil Yarman. Third row Harold Lozier, Everette Ford, Hona Fites, Lewellen Gaskill. Fourth Row Ruel Fites. Teacher Eunice Miner.



District #3 School, Photograph #8



District #3 School, Photograph #9



District #3 School, Photograph #12



District #3 School, Photograph #13



District #3 School, Photograph #20



District #3 School, Photograph #23



District #3 School, Photograph #26



District #3 School, Photograph #30



District #3 School, Photograph #31